

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
HELD ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 11, 2015 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CITY
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

MAYOR: Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

COUNCILORS: Tonita Gurule-Giroñ
Vince Howell
Joey Herrera
David L. Romero

ALSO PRESENT: Elmer J. Martinez, City Manager
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk
Dave Romero, City Attorney
Juan Montano, Sergeant at Arms

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Gurule-Giroñ made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.
Councilor Romero seconded the motion.

Mayor Ortiz Jr. asked for a roll call. Roll call was taken and reflected the following.

Vince Howell	Yes	Joey Herrera	Yes
David L. Romero	Yes	Tonita Gurule-Giroñ	Yes

City Clerk Casandra Fresquez re-read the motion and advised it carried.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS/REPORTS

Mayor Ortiz Jr. gave a brief overview of the Legislative Session and the positive turnout for Las Vegas Night at the Legislature.

MAYOR'S RECOGNITION/PROCLAMATION

Mayor Ortiz Jr. advised that recognition to the East Las Vegas Wrestlers and their performance at State would be forthcoming at a later meeting.

Councilor Gurule-Giron advised that a recognition for the Highlands University Women's Track Team who are ranked number one on the State.

PUBLIC INPUT

Bruce McAllister spoke to the governing body regarding the shooting range and access to the public.

Bob Wessley spoke to the governing body about some of the bills that were introduced to the Legislature and their impact.

Doyle Daves spoke to the governing body regarding the history of Heritage Week and the events that are planned for the 2015 Heritage Week.

Brenda Ortega spoke to the governing body asking them to approve their event funding request.

Leroy G. Lucero spoke to the governing body regarding Las Vegas Musicians Re-United and their hope to hold another concert this year and is asking for funding from the City to help advertise the event.

CITY MANAGER'S INFORMATIONAL REPORT

City Manager Martinez reported to the governing body that the City recently acquired a new street sweeper and the Streets Department has been out cleaning the streets of the salt and material that was used during the snow. City Manager advised that now with the weather warming up the Streets Department will begin patching potholes on the streets with hot mix.

Questions were asked about the amount of dust created by the street sweeper and if it had the capability of using water to lower the amount of dust.

Public Facilities Director Gonzales advised he would speak with the driver and make sure water is being put into the sweeper.

City Manager Martinez advised that the sweeper in question was actually the Department of Transportation's and the City's sweeper actually collects the debris and the staff dumps it.

PRESENTATIONS

Water Conservation Specialist Marquez presented to the governing body information pertaining to the Fix-A-Leak Fair that she will conducting at the Abe Montoya Recreation Center on March 19, 2015 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Water Conservationist Marquez advised the fair is open to the public and will help educate customers on how to fix water leaks in their homes and how to better understand their utility bills.

Questions were asked about the fair and the tips that the departments give the customers.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Recommendation by Lodgers Tax Advisory Board to fund qualified applicants responding to the Request for Proposals (RFP #2015-19) for promotional funding of special events of fiscal year 2014-2015.

Event Planner Velarde advised the governing body that requests for promotional funding were reviewed by the Lodgers Tax Advisory Board on February 17, 2015. Total funding requested is \$107,750.00. The Lodgers Tax Advisory Board is recommending funding approval in the amount of \$70,570.00.

City Manager Martinez advised he is a member of the Rough Rider Motorcycle Rally and did not participate in the application. City Manager Martinez advised the governing body hear the recommendations presented by staff the governing body can offer adjustments as needed.

Questions were asked about the process of rating and ranking of each of the requests and if there was actual numbers that supported the financial impact.

Event Planner Veladre listed each entity that requested funding and the amount requested and the amount recommended by the Lodgers Tax Advisory Board.

Questions were asked about the funding decisions made and why were some requests not funded. It was requested that if additional funding was being provided by other organizations or grants, that it be included and looked into when determining amount funded by the Lodgers Tax Advisory Board.

Questions were asked if there had been any discussion on bringing in carnivals to the 4th of July fiestas and more youthful activities for the community. Questions were asked about a fireworks display.

Questions and discussion took place regarding the total amount available from Lodgers Tax Advisory Board.

The governing body agreed to not place the item as a consent agenda as more discussion needs to take place and a recommendation by City Manager Martinez to address the events that were not funded.

2. Resolution #15-13 Budget Adjustment Resolution.

Finance Director Gallegos advised the City of Las Vegas was is in need of increasing or decreasing the FY 2015 budgeted revenues or expenditures, transfers to or transfers from various funds. Finance Director Gallegos explained the line items that would be affected by the adjustments.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

3. Acceptance of the E911 Grant from the Department of Finance Administration to upgrade the City's 911 system.

Police Chief Montano advised the Las Vegas Police Department will receive a grant from the Department of Finance E911, to support 911 answering services. The department is asking for approval for DFA E911 to provide the Las Vegas Police Department pass through grant funds for the 911 upgrade in the amount of \$319,555.00.

Communications Supervisor Romero explained what a pass through grant was that DFA would be the fiscal agent of the grant.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

4. Memorandum of Agreement between the San Miguel DWI Planning Council and the Las Vegas City Police Department.

Police Chief Montano advised the governing body the Memorandum of Agreement is for the Las Vegas Police Department to conduct DWI operations reimbursable through Local DWI grant funds.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

5. Grant Application for Law Enforcement Protection Fund.

Police Chief Montano advised the application is for funds to purchase equipment and advanced training for officers and payment to the NMFA for police vehicles that were previously purchased.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

6. Award bid #2015-22 for the North Grand Effluent Project Material.

Project Manager Gilvarry advised the Water Division went out for competitive sealed bids for materials to complete the North Grand effluent project. The purchase of these materials will allow for completion of the project. The Utilities Department would like to award selected items to all three bidders as some each of the bidders had varying costs for the items and this would allow the department to get the lowest prices on materials. The three bidders were Baker Utility, Furgeson Waterworks and HD Waterworks.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

7. Recommendation preferred alternatives to ensure Peterson Dam meets the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer's dam safety requirements.

Project Manager Gilvarry advised the governing body URS Corporation prepared and evaluated several alternatives to rehabilitate the Peterson Dam to meet New Mexico Office of the State Engineers dam safety requirements. Alternate one was to repair the structure and the other two alternates were to replace the structure with new dam which would increase the dam's life span of 100 years versus a possible 50 year life span of repairing the dam.

Questions and discussion took place regarding the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer, what is the anticipated timeframe for the project to being and funding.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

8. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem as per the City of Las Vegas Municipal Charter, Article III, Section 3.03 Mayor Pro Tempore and designating the month of April each year as the effective date.

Mayor Ortiz Jr. advised that the Municipal Charter states that the Mayor Pro Tem shall serve a one year term. In the past years, the Mayor Pro Tem has been appointed during different months. The City Clerk recommends that the month of April be designated each year for the appointment of Mayor Pro Tem so that during election years, the newly elected Mayor and Council may elect from its membership a Mayor Pro Tem to assume the role of Mayor during the temporary absence or disability of the Mayor.

City Attorney advised there are items for Executive Session regarding the status of pending litigation.

Mayor Ortiz Jr. advised there would be discussion regarding water litigation.

Councilor Gurule-Giron asked that Executive Session be held at the Regular Meeting.

Councilor Howell briefly gave an update on the food drive that is taking place throughout the community and the entities that are involved and the amount of food to date that has collected.

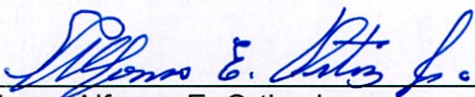
Councilor Gurule-Giroń made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Romero seconded the motion.

Mayor Ortiz Jr. asked for a roll call. Roll call was taken and reflected the following.

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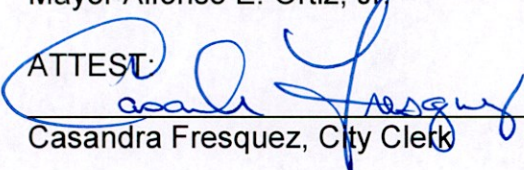
City Clerk Casandra Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

ADJOURN



Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk